

- The L1 Long Short Fund (LSF) portfolio returned -4.9%¹ in August (ASX200AI -0.7%).
- Over the past 3 years, the portfolio has returned 25.9%¹ p.a. (ASX200AI 10.7% p.a.).
- Global markets declined in August, primarily driven by mixed corporate earnings updates, softer than expected Chinese economic data and a downgrade to the U.S. government credit rating.

Global markets were weak in August, with a mixed corporate reporting period, bond market volatility and concerns over Chinese economic growth weighing on investor sentiment.

The U.S. Government's credit rating was downgraded one notch from AAA to AA+ by Fitch based on 'fiscal deterioration' and rising debt levels. The downgrade, together with a high level of Treasury issuance, led to a 37bps increase in U.S. 10-year bond yields to a 16-year high of 4.35%, before stabilising to end the month at 4.11%.

Chinese economic data across credit growth, retail sales, industrial output and investment was all weaker than expected, prompting a cut to key policy rates to shore up activity. This led to a decline in copper (-4.5%) and nickel (-9%) prices over the month. Oil prices initially declined but recovered towards the end of the month on concerns that Hurricane Idalia may disrupt production in the Gulf of Mexico.

After a strong July, the portfolio gave back most of those gains in August. The portfolio was impacted by the general market downturn as well as the decline in commodity prices on softening China sentiment. Reporting season-specific updates had a roughly neutral impact overall, with some positive and some negative stock updates.

We believe equity markets are facing opposing forces of positivity from moderating inflation and potential policy stimulus in China, offset by headwinds from weak leading economic indicators, increasing pressure on corporate earnings and lingering tail risk from geopolitical tensions.

We anticipate rising market volatility as investors continue to reassess their expectations for the economy, interest rates and corporate profits. From our extensive company research, we are continuing to identify numerous mispriced stocks that we believe will deliver attractive long-term returns for our investors.

Returns (Net) ¹ (%)	L1 Long Short Portfolio	S&P ASX 200 AI	Out-performance
1 month	(4.9)	(0.7)	(4.2)
3 months	1.8	3.9	(2.1)
6 months	0.7	3.0	(2.3)
1 year	11.6	9.6	+2.0
2 years p.a.	8.0	2.9	+5.1
3 years p.a.	25.9	10.7	+15.2
4 years p.a.	20.0	6.5	+13.5
5 years p.a.	15.6	7.0	+8.6
LSF Since Inception p.a.	11.1	8.2	+2.9
Strategy Since Inception ² p.a.	19.7	7.3	+12.4

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A key contributor to portfolio performance in August was:

Seven Group Holdings (Long +7%) shares gained after reporting strong FY23 results and providing a positive outlook for the FY24 period with high-single-digit EBIT growth expected. WesTrac and Coates continue to perform strongly, with earnings well positioned to grow over the medium term as investment in mining, construction and infrastructure continues to increase. Seven also holds a 71.6% shareholding in Boral, one of the largest building and construction materials companies in Australia. Boral earnings have been impacted by surging input costs and significant wet weather delays. Under new leadership, and in a normalised trading environment, we believe Boral has the potential to double earnings over the medium term from current levels.

Key detractors from portfolio performance in August included:

Imdex (Long -17%) shares fell as the company delivered a full year 2023 result modestly below consensus expectations and guided that it expects conditions to remain subdued in the near term. We believe Imdex will continue to outperform the broader exploration drilling industry because of its strong execution and its roll-out of market-leading new products.

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The company recently acquired Devico, a leading global mining technology company, an acquisition that will accelerate the company's global growth strategy and augment its industry-leading suite of new and improved drilling technology products. We used the most recent sell-off in the share price to add to our position given our very positive view of the long-term outlook for Imdex and its strong industry position.

Alibaba (Long -9%) shares declined in August mainly due to macroeconomic concerns on China. This was despite delivering solid operating results in its latest quarterly update, including a return to user growth and revenue growth in its core China Commerce segment. We expect headwinds to lessen in the second half of the calendar year through policy easing and less extreme year-on-year comparisons. Overall, we believe that Alibaba remains a high-quality business with leading positions in both eCommerce and Public Cloud, and that management is taking proactive steps to unlock shareholder value. We believe the restructure announced earlier in the year will be a strong positive catalyst to unlock the sum-of-the-parts valuation upside in the company.

Capstone (Long -9%) fell along with the sector as copper prices declined due to global concerns around the weak China post-Covid recovery. The company also reported soft second quarter production and modestly reduced guidance for the full year. Capstone has an exceptional growth profile with a pipeline of fully-permitted projects that are poised to more than double its current copper production of ~185kt to nearly 400kt over the next few years. Additionally, the company is quickly approaching completion and commissioning of its Mantoverde project which we expect to result in a major inflection in operating metrics across the business. Together with the integration of its Santo Domingo asset, Capstone is also set to become one of the largest and most cost-effective battery-grade cobalt producers in the world.

The company is fully funded to complete its currently approved project pipeline and is led by a highly capable, focussed and aligned management team.

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Strategy returns (Net)³ (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2.42)	3.03	2.85	1.61	5.17
2015	0.59	9.14	2.42	1.71	3.73	(0.86)	3.30	2.06	5.51	8.49	8.11	4.62	60.52
2016	5.81	0.59	5.47	2.46	2.78	(0.89)	3.22	3.92	0.46	(0.13)	0.55	2.22	29.61
2017	2.51	1.87	3.15	1.03	4.18	1.70	2.62	1.69	1.93	2.54	0.89	3.56	31.40
2018	0.56	(0.47)	(1.64)	(1.32) ³	(4.05)	(5.96)	1.01	(5.34)	(2.06)	(3.90)	(2.60)	(5.95)	(27.74)
2019	4.26	5.11	0.16	3.05	(2.73)	3.87	0.63	0.40	2.54	3.46	0.36	2.06	25.46
2020	(7.75)	(6.85)	(22.93)	23.16	10.94	(2.12)	(1.69)	9.99	0.63	(2.37)	31.94	4.29	29.50
2021	(0.17)	9.00	(0.14)	5.11	4.07	(0.52)	1.75	5.10	4.86	2.32	(7.36)	3.66	30.29
2022	2.79	6.87	1.34	3.44	0.06	(13.39)	(3.34)	5.37	(7.60)	5.24	7.52	4.36	10.72
2023	3.65	(2.04)	0.54	1.64	(3.19)	1.70	5.25	(4.89)					2.25

Portfolio positions

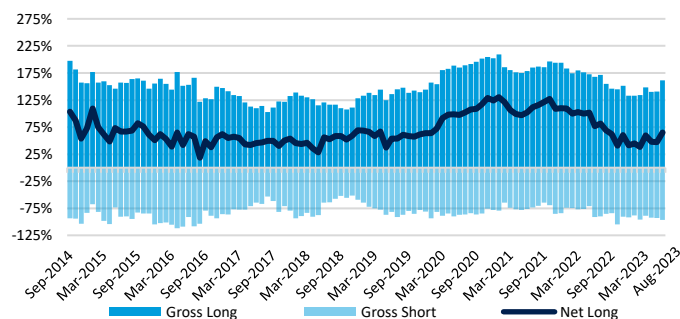
Number of total positions	77
Number of long positions	57
Number of short positions	20
Number of international positions	21

Net & gross exposure by region³ (%)

Geography	Gross long	Gross short	Net exposure
Australia/NZ	101	73	28
North America	50	6	44
Europe	14	-	14
Asia	2	-	2
Total	167	78	89

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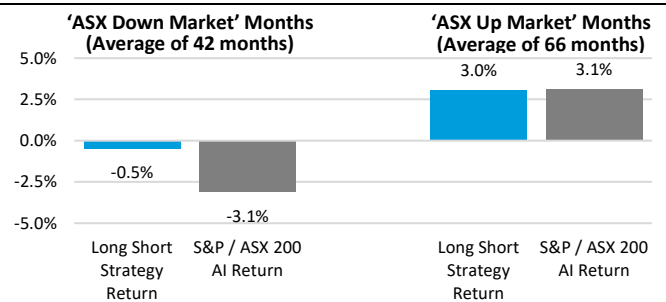
Historical Strategy exposures³



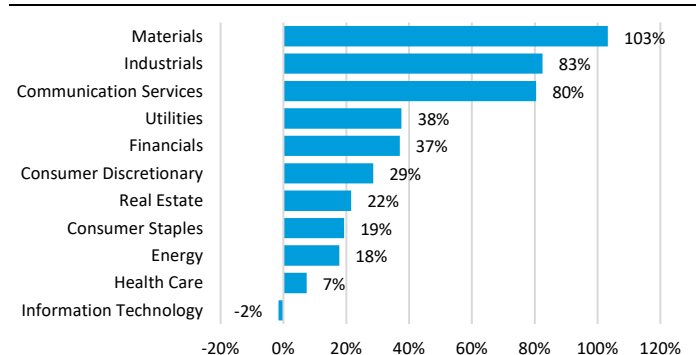
Company information as at 31 Aug 2023⁴

Share Price	\$2.86
NTA before tax	\$2.98
NTA after tax	\$2.93
Shares on issue	616,618,288
Company market cap	\$1.76b

Strategy performance since inception³ (Net)



Sector contribution since Strategy inception³ (Net)



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Inception	24 April 2018
Management fee	1.44% p.a. inclusive of GST and net of RITC
Performance fee	20.5% p.a. inclusive of GST and net of RITC
High watermark	Yes
Platform availability	BT Panorama, CFS Firstwrap, HUB24, IOOF, Macquarie Wrap, Mason Stevens, Netwealth, Powerwrap, uXchange

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L1 Capital is a global investment manager with offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Miami and London. The business was established in 2007 and is owned by its senior staff, led by founders Raphael Lamm and Mark Landau. The team is committed to offering clients best of breed investment products through strategies that include long short Australian equities, international equities, activist equities, a global multi-strategy hedge fund and U.K. residential property. The firm has built a reputation for investment excellence, with all L1 Capital's strategies delivering strong returns since inception. The team remains dedicated to delivering on that strong reputation through providing market-leading performance via differentiated investment approaches with outstanding client service, transparency and integrity. L1 Capital's clients include large superannuation funds, pension funds, asset consultants, private wealth firms, financial planning groups, family offices, high net worth investors and retail investors.



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